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1. MUSLIM WORLD LEAGUE (MWL) IS LISTED BY UN OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AS ONE OF MANY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO'S) RECOGNIZED BY UN. (THIS MAY EXPLAIN WHY MWL HAS OFFICE IN SWITZERLAND AS WELL AS U.S.) THIS STATUS ENTITLES ORGANIZATIONS TO BRIEFINGS BY UN OFFICIALS; THE UN ATTEMPTS TO KEEP SUCH ORGANIZATIONS INFORMED OF ISSUES WITHIN THEIR FIELD OF INTEREST. THE MWL WAS FIRST RECOGNIZED AS AN NGO IN 1974. IT IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WHICH PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF ISLAM AMONG BOTH MUSLIMS AND NON-MUSLIMS.

2. MWL ENJOYS "CATEGORY ONE" CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC. THIS CONSULTATIVE STATUS ALLOWS AN ORGANIZATION

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TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES SIT AS OBSERVERS DURING MEETINGS,

AND TO SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS TO ECOSOC FOR CONSIDERATION AND CIRCULATION. ON ISSUES ON WHICH THE NGO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE VIEWS WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION, THE ECOSOC MEMBERSHIP MAY ALLOW THE NGO TO MAKE A STATEMENT. THE MWL'S CONSULTATIVE STATUS EXISTS ONLY WITH ECOSOC AND DOES

NOT CONFER ANY OTHER SPECIAL PRIVILEGES ON THE MWL AS FAR AS OTHER UN ORGANS ARE CONCERNED.

3. MWL HAS TWO OFFICES IN THE U.S., BOTH LOCATED IN THE HOMES OF THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR. ADDRESSES ARE: DR. AHMAD SAKR, DIRECTOR, P. O. BOX 140 REPEAT 140, LOMBARD, ILLINOIS (A CHICAGO SUBURB) AND MR. OSMAN AHMAD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, P. O. BOX 4174 REPEAT 4174, NEW YORK 10017. DR. SAKR IS LEBANESE; MR. AHMAD IS EGYPTIAN.

4. FYI: MWL, PERHAPS INADVERTENTLY, SEEMS TO HAVE A LOW PROFILE. NEW YORK CITY HAS NO TELEPHONE LISTED IN THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION. MWL WAS UNKNOWN TO THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES, TO USUN MIDDLE EAST SECTION, AND TO ISLAMIC CENTER OF NEW YORK ON FIRST TRY. (SECOND INQUIRY WITH LATTER LED TO DISCOVERY OF CHICAGO HOME PHONE NUMBER OF DR. SAKR.) END FYI.  
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